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1. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 17 EMBASSY HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM RABBI SCHNEIER. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMING THROUGH HIS SYNAGOGUE IN NEW YORK THAT HE CURRENTLY IS IN USSR.
2. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ, WHICH COULD AMONG OTHER THINGS SERVE TO EMPHASIZE TO SOVIETS CONCERN IN U.S. OVER DISTRUCTION OF CEMETERIES. WE WOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.
3. NEW EMBASSY REQUEST FOR CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION TO VISIT L'LOV, UZHGOROD AND MUKACHEVO BY FIRST SECRETARY ARTHUR SMITH (ON NON-CONSULAR BUSINESS) WEEK OF MARCH 23 WAS DENIED BY MFA MARCH 17 "FOR REASONS OF A TERMPORARY NATURE." SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ THAT SOVIET PERMISSION FOR HIM TO VISIT MUKACHEVO SEEMS PARTICULARLY UNLIKELY UNTIL END OF MARCH. EMBASSY WILL PERSIST IN REQUESTING MUKACHEVO VISIT, AND IN MEANTIME RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATE RETALIATION FOR SMITH TURNDOWN.

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